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U.S. to Drop Suit Against SS Man

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WASHINGTON, July 9 — The Justice Department moved today to dismiss a lawsuit that it filed last December to revoke the citizenship of a Paterson, N.J., man who has admitted having had an affiliation with the Waffen SS, the military arm of Hitler's elite guard.

The department charged originally that when Tscherin Soobzokov entered the United States in 1955, he concealed from immigration authorities the fact that he had been a member of the Waffen SS and of the German Army's North Caucasian Legion during World War II.

Justice Department officials said today that Mr. Soobzokov had given them in March a copy of a document showing

tions when he applied for a visa at the United States Embassy in Amman, Jordan, in 1952.

The Central Intelligence Agency later located a copy of the document in its files. Allan A. Ryan Jr., director of the Justice Department's Office of Special Investigations, said that the C.I.A. had not informed him of the document when he and his colleagues were preparing the case and trying to locate all available evidence.

Under Federal law, Mr. Ryan said, a person cannot be stripped of his citizenship merely for membership in Nazi groups, but citizenship can be revoked if the person concealed his membership in such organizations.

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